

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life Days May 5-6, 2007

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society is the nation's largest volunteer health organization, dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem through financial support and education; and

WHEREAS, since 1913, it has funded research that has contributed to every known method of detecting and treating cancer, thereby increasing the cancer survival rate from 10 percent to more than 50 percent; and

WHEREAS, cancer is a group of diseases characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells, which can result in premature death, and which is predicted to strike one out of every three Americans; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 133,225 newly diagnosed cases of cancer will occur in California this year, of which approximately 1,775 are expected to occur in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, the Relay for Life event financially benefits The American Cancer Society's research and support programs and educationally benefits our local citizens, as well as providing a community networking opportunity for those united in the goal of making a difference in the battle against cancer,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTY BLUM, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby proclaim May 5-6, 2007 to be RELAY FOR LIFE DAYS throughout Santa Barbara, and recognize the PURPLE RIBBON CAMPAIGN in support of those individuals living with cancer and to honor those who have lost their lives to this dreaded disease.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 18th day of April, 2007.

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